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E.O. 11652: GDS TAGS: EAID LE UN

SUBJ: CALL BY JOHN SAUNDERS

1. JOHN SAUNDERS, SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF UN SECRETARY GENERAL IN LEBANON, CALLED ON ME MAY 5 AND OFFERED FOLLOWING COMMENTS:

A. UN HAS ALREADY RECEIVED REQUESTS FOR ENTIRE \$3 MILLION WHICH U.S. RECENTLY PLEDGED TO SECRETARY GENERAL'S SPECIAL FUND FOR LEBANON. REQUESTS COVERED MOSTLY MEDICINES, BUT ALSO INCLUDED SOME ASSISTANCE FOR TRANSPORTATION FOR DISTRIBUTION OF MEDICINES, PROSTHETIC CARE, AND TRUCKS FOR MUNICIPAL GARBAGE DISPOSAL.

B. ARAB OIL STATES WERE UNLIKELY TO CONTRIBUTE TO SYG'S SPECIAL FUND AND IF THEY DID NOT, NO ONE ELSE WOULD. ARAB STATES WERE, HOWEVER, PREPARED TO LEND MONEY TO WELL THOUGHT-OUT PROJECTS, BUT GOL DIDN'T SEEM TO HAVE ABILITY TO DESIGN THEM.

C. IN THEORY, MOHAMMED ATALLAH, AS CHAIRMAN OF RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD, AND MINISTER OF SOCIAL AFFAIRS ASSAD CONFIDENTIAL

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RIZK, AS CHAIRMAN OF HIGH RELIEF COMMITTEE, WERE TO COORDINATE LONG AND SHORT TERM RECONSTRUCTION EFFORTS RESPECTIVELY. FOR ATALLAH, PROBLEM WAS NOT YET CRITICAL. RIZK, HOWEVER, WAS UNABLE TO IMPOSE COORDINATION ON SHORT-TERM RECONSTRUCTION EFFORTS, IN PART BECAUSE OTHER MINISTERS WERE UNWILLING TO ACCEPT HIS DIRECTION. MINISTER OF HEALTH CHEAITO, FOR EXAMPLE, HAD VEHEMENTLY REFUSED TO CHANNEL LIST OF NEEDED MEDICAL

### SUPPLIES THROUGH RIZK.

# 2. SAUNDERS SUPPLIED FOLLOWING LIST OF CONTRIBUTIONS AND PLEDGES TO UN TRUST FUND AS OF MARCH 31, 1977:

### CONTRIBUTIONS TO UN TRUST FUND

DONOR AMOUNT IN U.S. DOLLARS

CANADA 94,950.00

CYPRUS 10,000.00

DENMARK 345,811.00

ICELAND 5,000.00

IRELAND 19,997.11

NETHERLANDS 1,005,000.00

NORWAY 190,657.00

SWEDEN 472,534.00

UNITED KINGDOM 247,525.00

UNITED STATES 1,000,000.00

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PUBLIC (SIC) 1.00

SUB-TOTAL 3,391,475.11

PLEDGES TO UN TRUST FUND

DONOR AMOUNT IN U.S. DOLLARS

CAMEROON 2,000.00

PHILIPPINES 1,000.00

UNITED STATES 3,000,000.00

SUB-TOTAL 3,003,000.00

TOTAL 6,394,475.11.

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